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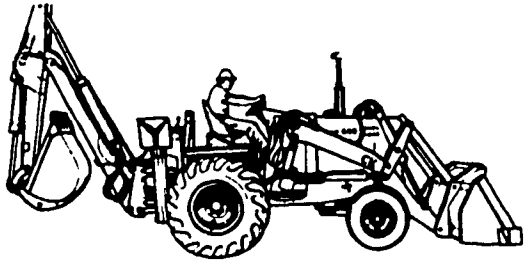


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Fertilizer Supplies Tight Hess Tells Agway Meeting

"Fertilizer and herbicide supplies will be short, and prices will be higher," Mark Hess told a capacity crowd in the Lancaster Farm and Home Center on Monday night at the annual meeting of Agway's Garden Spot unit. Hess is general manager of the giant cooperative's Lancaster office.

"By the time the 1974 crop was planted, the supply pipeline for fertilizers was depleted," Hess pointed out. "And the supply situation is not going to be any better for the 1975 crop year. Some of you may want to apply some fertilizer this fall or winter. We feel that nitrogen can be spread on sod fields in the fall, and that the loss differences between spring spreading and fall spreading are very small."

Hess also pointed out that

Agway was one of the very few companies that did not sell fertilizer abroad last year when government action held domestic prices way below the world market.

The world food situation will concern American farmers, Hess said, as it comes into focus more critically than ever before. "Our country has been very generous in supplying the food needs of other nations," he said, "but economic factors will keep us from supplying free food to everyone. Farmers must be paid a fair price for their products."

Other Agway officials to address the meeting were Harris Bezner, supply center manager, Elwin Peet, petroleum operations manager, and R. Arthur Cochran, regional manager. Tina Thomas, Miss Pennsylvania 1973, presented some of her gospel music selections.

Lancaster County Agricultural Agent Max Smith also addressed the group, telling them that farmers face a greater challenge every year. "Inflation drives everything up except the farmer's prices," Smith said. "To be a successful farmer today you've got to be a good businessman. You've got to be keen, sharp, shrewd, scotch and conservative or you're just not going to make it."

Smith urged the dairy farmers in the audience to get more of their feed nutrients from forages and less from grain and soybeans. "Maybe you won't

produce as much milk as the fellow who buys a lot of grain, but you'll have more money in your pocket at the end of the year," he said.

To find out what kind of feed value their forages have, Smith recommended that they get their forage tested and ask for feeding recommendations along with

the test results.

Smith also voiced concern about the disappearance of county farmland, and urged the audience to become more involved with their local planning commissions and zoning boards.

During the meeting four new committeemen were elected to serve on the local Agway committee for the coming year. Those elected were: James G. Kreider, Quarryville RD1; John H. Nissley, Mount Joy RD1; Melvin G. Rohrer, Litz RD3; Henry G. Shenk, Manheim RD2.

Livestock Judging Team Places Third

The livestock judging team from The Pennsylvania State University won third place recently in the Eastern National Livestock Judging Contest held at Timonium, Md. The team ranked first in judging beef, third in judging sheep, fifth in swine, and second in oral reasons.

Cheri Slater of 4620 Bowes Ave., West Mifflin, was third highest individual in all judging—placing first in sheep and second in oral reasons.

Paul Burgess of 1718 N. Atherton St., State College, was ninth highest individual overall and placed second in judging cattle.

Richard Beck of RD2, Seven Valley, won fourth place in judging beef cattle. At the Keystone International Livestock Exposition, Harrisburg, Beck was second highest individual overall and placed sixth in judging beef cattle.

Tom McCreevy of 141 Scarbor Drive, York, placed fifth in sheep. Tom Mitchell of RD1, Millerstown, was sixth highest in total jud-

ging placing eighth in sheep and tenth in beef cattle.

Team coach is Dr. Erskine H. Cash of the department of animal science. The team included Nancy Houston of RD4, Danville; Ann Swinker of 1013 Lewis Street, Brownsville; Donna Smith of Port Matilda; Randy Goff of 2040 E. College Ave., State College; and Terry Stockdale of RD1, Dayton.

York 4-H Activities

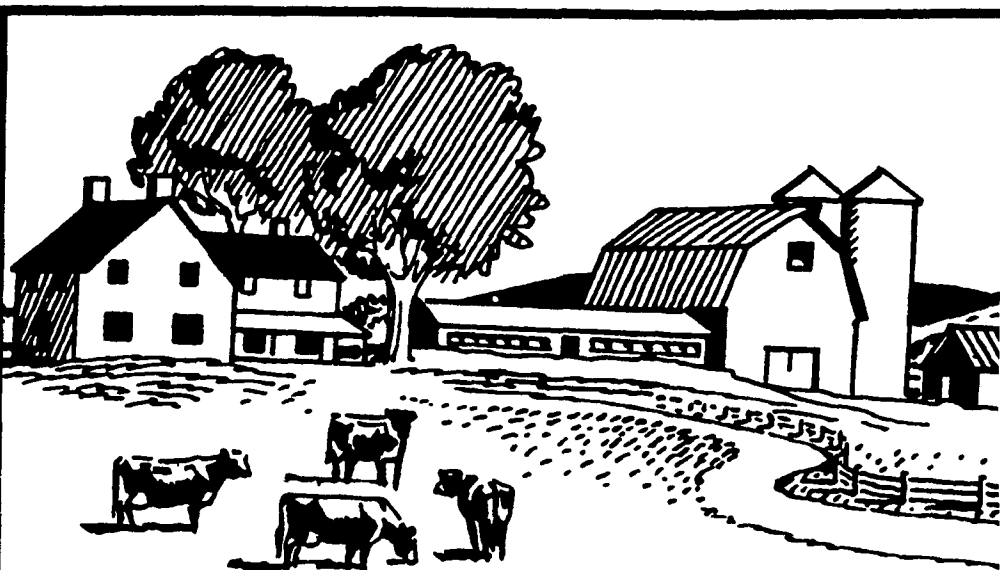
Monday, Nov. 25

York County 4-H Capon Roundup, 7:30 p.m., 4-H Center, Bair

York County 4-H Reporter, 7 p.m., 4-H Office, Court House York Black Rock 4-H Club

Tuesday, Nov. 26
Stoverstown 4-H Club, 7 p.m., 4-H Center, Bair
Thomasville 4-H Club 7:30 p.m., 4-H Center, Bair

Saturday, Nov. 30
Thomasville 4-H Club, 7 p.m., 4-H Center, Bair



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